

**Congress is Opened.**

Second session of sixtieth congress: Opened December 7, noon. Closes March 4, noon. Senate—Republicans, 61; Democrats, 37; total, 92. House—Republicans, 221; Democrats, 168; vacancies, 2; total, 391.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With a series of resounding whacks of a mahogany mallet, wielded by Uncle Joe Cannon, and three gentle taps of an ivory gavel in the hands of Vice President Fairbanks, the house and senate opened today for the final session of the Sixtieth congress.

Whereupon the solons formally got ready for the business of deciding how Uncle Sam may best spend a billion odd dollars next year and of placing on the status books sundry laws of more or less importance.

Both wings of the great white capitol presented the usual scene of animation and beauty. An hour before the beginning of the session the galleries were packed to their limits. A large majority of spectators were women, and they were arrayed in the latest fashions. Their presence and their finery were due to the fact that custom has made the capitol on opening days of congress, a show place. Women of Washington, particularly those who move in expensive society, rarely visit congress except on the first and last days of a session. The same is true of the feminine relatives of members. All were out today with brilliant colors and plumes that represented designs from Paris as well as from backwoods congressional districts.

**Knowing Ones Came Early.**

Knowing ones came early. It is easy enough to obtain tickets on these big days, but the total number of cards issued by members always exceeds the seating capacity. The rule is that when the seats are filled the gallery doors are closed. Standing room is denied even to people of big political or social prominence. So it happened today as usual, that disappointed people, many of the ticket holders formed a line from the gallery doors along the hall ways, and anxiously waited for lucky insiders to get bored and give up their places. One in for each one out is the rule.

**Last Appearance For Some.**

At least ten senators are starting today upon their last term of duty. Among them are some who have been prominent in their party councils. All of them have friends on both sides of the chamber who regret that the changes of fortune should have marked them for retirement from active participation in public affairs.

On the other hand there are nearly twice as many who are receiving congratulations today on the apparently sure indications that they would be re-elected, or upon the accomplished fact.

**Allison is Missed.**

Amid all the handshaking the exchange of congratulation, or of condolence, which preceded the session, there was evidence of the fact that since they last met they had lost by death one of the most valuable members of the body. This was brought prominently to their attention later when a resolution was offered and adopted appropriate to the demise of the late Senator William B. Allison of Iowa, who besides being chairman of one of the most important committees of the senate, that of appropriations, was for years recognized as the great pacificator of warring factions.

These senators who are probably beginning their last term today are: Ankeny, Washington; Foraker, Ohio; Fulton, Oregon; Hansbrogh, North Dakota; Hemenway, Indiana; Kittredge, South Dakota; Long, Kansas; McCreary, Kentucky; Platte, New York; and Teller, Colorado.

Those whose re-election has already been accomplished or seems sure are: Brandegee, Conn.; Clarke, Ark.; Clay, Georgia; Dillingham, Vermont; Gallinger, N. Hampshire; Gore, Okla.; Heyburn, Idaho; Hopkins, Ill.; Lattimer, S. Carolina; McHenry, Louisiana; Newlands, Nevada; Overman, N. Carolina; Penrose, Penn.; Smoot, Utah; Stevenson, Wis.; Stone, Mo.; The latter and Brandegee have a fight on their hands.

Vice President Fairbanks who will be retired to private life on March 4 was early on the scene. If he felt the disappointment of his ambition to become president of the United States he did not show it today, for he was all urbanity and smiles. He held quite a reception in his private room previous to the assembling of the senate. When he entered the senate chamber and called the assembly to order, it was promptly noon. Owing to a former rule re-established, the floral tributes to the senators from admiring friends were conspicuously absent from the desks in the senate chamber, but they were in gorgeous array in the marble room just back of the chamber, giving evidence of appreciation of past favors and hope of those yet to come.

After the opening prayer by the venerable chaplain, Edward Everett Hale, and the roll call, the three customary resolutions which mark the beginning of a new session were offered and adopted. The first fixed the hour of daily meetings at 12 o'clock noon. The second directed the secretary to notify the house of representatives that the senate was in session, and the third authorizing the vice president to invite the committee to join the committee appointed by the house for the purpose of announcing to the president that the congress was ready to receive any message he might wish to send.

**Dolliver Pays Tribute.**

Senator Dolliver then rose. In simple words he depicted the grief which he, himself, and the other members of the Iowa delegation in congress felt at the death of his late colleague, which he was assured was also entertained by every member of the

senate, and he then offered a resolution expressing the deep sense of the senate in the loss that it had sustained after indicating that some future day would be designated for the delivery of speeches in memory of the deceased. The senate adopted the resolution unanimously and as a further mark of respect, adjourned until tomorrow.

Gov. Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, the chosen successor of the late senator Allison, will probably be sworn in at tomorrow's session.

Scores of representatives were on the floor of the house before noon, and the rattle and roar of their talk filled the big auditorium.

**In the House.**

Speaker Cannon's office was a mecca for all. They crowded the room, smoked cigars and cracked jokes on the campaign. They heaped congratulations upon the speaker, he reciprocated, and the situation was in every way salubrious.

As the hour of meeting approached the galleries displayed a lively interest in the leaders, as they entered upon the floor. Payne with his big body and shaggy hair was pointed out as the man who would lead in the preparation for the new tariff bill. Stalwart, broad shouldered, Champ Clark was interesting as a man who will be at the head of the opposition, the formal leader of the Democrats. Dalzell, champion standpatter; Nicholas Longworth, Burton, who is on his way to the senate or Taft's cabinet, Hepburn, a defeated veteran; John Sharpe Williams, the present Democratic leader and United States senator from Mississippi; and Burke Cochran, all were subjects of gossip, as they moved about among their colleagues.

**Cheer "Uncle Joe."**

At a minute to 12, the gaze of the crowd centered upon the door at the right of the speaker's stand. They were looking for "Uncle Joe." At the first glimpse of his familiar countenance, members and spectators joined in a big demonstration of applause. Unconcerned, as though the outbreak was not for him, the speaker mounted the steps to his throne. He seized the gavel in his good left hand and held it aloft menacingly.

No attention being paid to this warning to be quiet he hammered vigorously. The conversation continued and Cannon gave a succession of heavy blows that drowned out the voices of the talkers. Finally, the house reluctantly came to order.

Dr. Henry N. Couden, the blind chaplain of the house offered prayer after which the speaker ordered a roll call, a proceeding that required nearly half an hour. It was important, however, for until a member has responded to his name, he is not entitled to mileage. Then the usual routine resolutions similar to those offered in the senate were adopted.

**South Dakota Change.**

Members elected to fill vacancies in the house were next sworn in. They were:

O. G. Foelker, (R.) New York; H. A. Barnhart, (D.) Indiana; F. E. Guernsey, (R.) Maine; J. P. Swasey, (R.) Maine; Albert Estopinal, (D.) Louisiana; S. H. Dent, Jr., (R.) Alabama; Ebon W. Martin, (R.) South Dakota.

Announcement was then made of the deaths since the last session of representatives: C. T. Dunewell, (R.) New York; W. H. Parker, (R.) South Dakota; Lellwyn Powers, (R.) Maine; A. A. Wiley, (D.) Alabama.

**A Brief Resolution in Memory of**

each of them was adopted and in further respect the house adjourned until tomorrow.

**President's Message Tomorrow.**

Gasps of astonishment went up from the spectators when they learned that it was over so soon. They had expected to hear the president's message. Both houses had, however, adhered to their custom of paying tribute to the dead and the message will not be heard until tomorrow.

**Claims Delay in Getting Cars.**

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 7.—Special to The News: District court of Antelope county adjourned Saturday to reconvene next March, when a large number of jury cases will be on the docket to be disposed of.

A case of more than usual importance this session, and one closely followed with intense interest, by shippers of live stock, was heard before Judge Walsh and a jury. C. J. Anderson of this city brought suit to recover damages from the Northwestern railroad company for the delay in furnishing cars and hauling of cattle to South Omaha from Cody.

Mr. Anderson sought to recover to the amount of \$1,795, and the jury, after being out a short time, granted judgment in the sum of \$1,119.39. Jackson and Kelsey of this city represented the plaintiff and Carl C. Wright of Omaha appeared for the defense.

A large number of witnesses were examined on both sides. Superintendent Reynolds of this division, the superintendent of the Chadron division, and two officials from the company's headquarters at Chicago, were among them.

It is understood that the case will be appealed, and if it is, will be closely watched by all shippers of live stock.

**SOUTH DAKOTA RAILROADS.**

**Commission Makes Report With a Number of Recommendations.**  
Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 7.—Special to The News: William H. Stanley of this city, secretary of the South Dakota board of railroad commissioners, has just forwarded to Governor Crawford the 19th annual report of the commission, covering the year ending June 30 last.

The report shows that during the year the commissioners considered one hundred and twenty-nine complaints and petitions. Of the 129 cases 75 were decided in favor of the complainants, 27 in favor of the defend-

ants, and 26 were dismissed. During the year the board also conducted exhaustive investigations in the matters of freight and passenger rates.

It is shown by the report that during the year a total of forty persons were killed on railroad lines within the state. Of this number twenty-six were railroad employees, two were passengers and twelve were other persons. The injured during the year reached a total of 445. Of the injured 301 were railroad employees, fifty-four were passengers and thirty-one were other persons.

The railroad commissioners further ask that the legislative enact such legislation as will give the board complete jurisdiction over express companies doing business in the state, and over electric lines of railroad in South Dakota.

The commissioners also ask that a law be enacted giving the board jurisdiction in matters pertaining to the hanging or wiring and stringing of telephone, telegraph, electric light and other wires over railroad tracks. This legislation is asked for in the interest of railroad employees whose lives are often endangered by sagging wires crossing railroad tracks.

The commissioners recommend the passage of suitable laws by the legislature governing the handling and shipment over the railroad lines in South Dakota of high explosives.

During the past year or two there have been frequent complaints of rowdiness and drunkenness on trains within the state, especially in western South Dakota, the disturbers being a floating element which is drawn to the state by the great rush for homesteads in the western part of the state.

This rowdiness has been a source of great annoyance as well as danger to peaceable passengers. The railroad commissioners in their annual report recommend the enactment of such laws as will reduce so far as possible drunkenness and disorderly conduct on railroad trains operating within the boundaries of South Dakota.

**MRS SARAH M. COTTON IS 86.**

**Celebrates Birthday With a Dinner in Ainsworth Saturday.**

Ainsworth, Neb., Dec. 7.—Special to The News: Mrs. Sarah Moran Cotton of Lincoln, who is visiting her son, John M. Cotton, editor of the Star-Journal, celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday Saturday with a dinner to a few friends. There were but a few, as she is not strong enough to entertain a large company. There were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, Rev. B. L. Shepherd and "Daddy" Pennell outside of the immediate family. Mr. Martin is past seventy-five, his wife some years younger, Rev. Mr. Shepherd is eighty-eight, Mr. Pennell seventy-six.

Besides having a good dinner of old-fashioned viands, the cooking of which was superintended by Mrs. Cotton herself, the company had a very enjoyable time in talking over old times and the changes that have taken place in the past seventy or eighty years.

In breaking up the little party they all agreed to meet around the same board fourteen years from now to assist Mrs. Cotton in celebrating her one hundredth birthday.

**Corn Show at West Point.**

West Point, Neb., Dec. 7.—Special to The News: The Cuming county corn show was held in the city hall. In spite of the inclement weather 122 separate entries were made. Four men were kept busy for two days preceding the show, arranging the exhibits. Prizes aggregating \$300 were awarded to the successful contestants. At 3:30 in the afternoon Prof. Moore, the corn expert, delivered an instructive lecture on corn. The exhibits were packed and will be shown at the National Corn exhibition at Omaha and from their quality it is confidently believed that Cuming county will rank high.

**Death of Judge Canfield.**

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 7.—Special to The News: Judge S. G. Canfield, an old settler of this section of the state, and who was at one time county judge of this county, died at his home in this city Saturday morning. The body was taken to the Crawford cemetery for interment.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

Real estate transfers for the week ending December 5, 1908, compiled by Madison County Abstract and Guarantee company, office with Mapes & Hazen.

Oliver M. Moore to Alexander Suider, W. D. Cons. \$200. Pt. of the se $\frac{1}{4}$  of the se $\frac{1}{4}$  of 17-23-1.

R. G. Griffin to W. S. Fox, W. D. Cons. \$700. Lot 1, Davis subdivision to Norfolk.

D. E. Guintler to W. S. Fox, W. D. Cons. \$105. Lot 2, Davis subdivision to Norfolk.

Herman Boche to Emma Boche, W. D. Cons. \$1. S $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1, and se $\frac{1}{4}$ , se $\frac{1}{4}$  and ne $\frac{1}{4}$ , se $\frac{1}{4}$  of 2-23-1.

William Eddenfield to W. T. Mendonhall, W. D. Cons. \$300. Lots 1, 2 and 3, block 1, Walnut Grove addition to Norfolk.

W. N. Dean to G. A. Hubble, W. D. Cons. \$2,700. Lots 9 and 10, block 2, Pasewalk's third addition to Norfolk.

George W. Shippee to Ella Thornton, W. D. Cons. \$2,400. Lot 16, block 7, Kimball & Blair's addition to Burnett.

Ella Thornton to James E. Nelson, W. D. Cons. \$1,000. Lots 2 and 3, block 8, Kimball & Blair's addition to Tilden.

**MONDAY MENTION.**

E. R. Hayes went to Omaha Saturday.

H. A. Haley went to Fremont at noon.

Leon Tompkins returned to Inman Sunday.

J. F. Losch of West Point spent Sunday in the city.

Mrs. Bowen of Poplar, Mont., is in

Norfolk on a visit with her sister, Miss Esta Anderson.

Mrs. Ferd Riedler of Thurston is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Raasch.

Mrs. E. V. Loucks will leave tomorrow for Portland, Ore., to visit her son on the coast.

Judge and Mrs. J. B. Barnes expect to move to Lincoln some time during the present week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hauptli, who are on a wedding tour of the southwest, are now in Arizona.

W. H. Bucholz, cashier of the Omaha National bank, was in Norfolk Monday on his way to Madison to testify in the case of Eiseley against the Norfolk National bank.

M. L. Ogden, who is rebuilding the ranch house recently destroyed by the fire at the big Butterfield ranch near Magnet, was home over Sunday, returning to Magnet Monday noon.

Thomas Bell of Lusk, Wyo., arrived in Norfolk coming from Omaha by way of Columbus where he stopped to see his brother, William Bell, who is in a hospital in Columbus recovering from a recent operation.

Mrs. W. J. Stadelman is home from a visit in Sioux City.

A. L. Killian and family are in Wahoo on a brief visit.

E. G. Schorregge spent Sunday with his mother in Wakefield.

R. G. Rohrke of Hoskins was in Norfolk Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Mackay went to Fremont today to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Brush has been in Ainsworth, the guest of Mrs. W. H. Baldwin.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: John Ernest, Beemer; L. Titus, N. Titus, Dallas, S. D.; Dick Johnson, Randolph; W. M. Leroy, Foster; A. Waddell, Sigwahl, Winside; T. L. Denninger, Madison; C. T. Schmetz, Primrose.

The commercial club directors will meet this evening.

E. R. Fairbanks and family have moved into their new residence on South Eighth street.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Congregational church will meet with Mrs. H. J. Cole Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

As a matter of protection for library patrons, the mayor has instructed the city physician to notify the librarian of all cases on contagious diseases.

The snow of Saturday brought joy to the hearts of the rabbit hunters and game to their bags. Two Norfolk men out Sunday shot eighteen rabbits.

Miss Bessie Richey, a member of last year's graduating class, has been given a school two or three miles from Creighton. She begins her new work this week.

At the recent wrestling match at Burke between Taylor and Luth, Truesdale of Norfolk and Suffeol of Lucas gave a good exhibition, the Lucas man winning the first and third falls.

Bristow Enterprise: Ernest Danes sold his farm south of town at public auction last week. The land sold for \$6,800 of \$34 per acre, and was bought by Norm Bennett. Mr. Danes will locate next spring on a farm near Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Strelow of Long Pine passed through Norfolk Saturday on their way to Pierce to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Strelow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Strelow. George Strelow of this city went up to Pierce Sunday to be present at the wedding anniversary of his grandparents.

The impression seems to be held at Madison that N. A. Housel has the inside track for the appointment as county superintendent to succeed Mr. Perdue. A strong sentiment exists favorable to the election of John Malone, Jr., superintendent at Humphrey, but is likely to be of no avail as County Commissioner Malone, his father, is opposed to such a move.

The first real snow of the season began to fall in Norfolk Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Snow fell during the afternoon and evening. Sleigh bells were heard Sunday although the sleighing was not good enough to appeal to many people. Sunday night was cold, with no suggestion of snow. On account of the bright moon and the covering of snow the night was nearly turned into day, it being possible to see many blocks in the moonlight.

County Superintendent F. S. Perdue, who expects after January 7, to take up his work as deputy state superintendent, was in Norfolk Saturday night, returning from a teachers' meeting held by County Superintendent Murphy of Knox county at Creighton. Mr. Perdue's new work will for the most part be field work rather than office work, and will take over the entire state, keeping him in constant touch with the details of the school work of the state. In addition to Mr. Perdue, Miss Marie Anderson, a West Point teacher, appeared on the program at Creighton.

The Madison high school, undisputed football champion in north Nebraska in 1907, is now claiming the 1908 championship. Aside from the Norfolk games Madison probably has as good a claim to the honors as any other north state team. But the Norfolk team will not admit that the record shows Madison to be superior to Norfolk on the gridiron this year. Norfolk defeated Madison 16 to 0 in this city and lost 19 to 0 at Madison. While the local season was very creditable it has not been contended that Norfolk has a claim on the championship, which seems to be very much up in the air and only to be awarded on paper.

The Union Pacific track after being blocked for several hours between this city and Warnerville was cleared Saturday afternoon in time to permit the morning passenger to leave Norfolk at 3:30 o'clock. The accommodation train, scheduled to leave here at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, did not get out until about 6 p. m. The wreck was

caused by the axle of a truck under an oil car breaking. The train was on a down grade and ran about 1,200 feet before it could be stopped. The train was fortunate in escaping as easily as it did, nothing being damaged beyond the trucks of the oil car. The Northwestern wrecking outfit was borrowed by the Union Pacific to clear the track.

**Annual Lodge of Norfolk Held.**

Three deaths in the Norfolk jurisdiction of Elks during the past year, bringing the list of "absent brothers" of the Norfolk lodge up to sixteen, formed the basis of an eloquent and thoughtful address by Rev. J. C. S. Wells the chaplain, at the Elk "Lodge of Sorrow," held Sunday afternoon in the Elk club rooms.

The memorial services were largely attended by members and friends of the order. The services were presided over by J. B. Maylard, exalted ruler, the beautiful and impressive public ritual being used.

Special music was rendered by a quartet consisting of R. Solomon, C. C. Gow, H. O. Kiesau and L. B. Nicola. Rev. J. C. S. Wells, in delivering the address of the afternoon, said:

Exalted Ruler, brothers and friends: A very ancient writer after enumerating the many vicissitudes of prosperity and adversity, of society and solitude, of love and of hate and many other things that may enter into the makeup of one short life, reaches the conclusion that because there is such an endless variation and each lasts for so short a time that perhaps it might be as well for a man to do nothing, as for him to enter the contest for things which largely neutralize each other, such as best are transient and evanescent.

And then another thought comes to the front and he takes an estimate from a different standpoint, and he suggests that even transient things and contradictory things may have a place, when regarded as parts of a larger whole—that as from wheels turning in different directions in some great complicated machine, and yet fitting by their co-operation, and yet, there may be as a resultant of direct motion from their apparently contradictory forces, so even the perplexities and dark things in human life may be parts of a plan opening out into wider and more far-reaching relations, and so he comes to the conclusion that notwithstanding the limitations and variations of life, yet that God hath made everything beautiful in His time, and then declares as to man's life and destiny that he has relations to things that are permanent and lasting, and declares that God hath set eternally the desire for immortal life—in his heart.

This writer's conclusions find response in all our hearts. We live in a world of change, but amid the changes embraced in the larger whole, there is a larger outlook that absorbs the evanescent and engulfs it in a sea that is calm. We are subject to a variety of ailments, but within us and working within these variations there is a repressed, but immortal consciousness that links us to an order of things, and to a realm of life, that knows no vicissitude and fears no ultimate absorption or obliteration. We have longings, however stifled, misinterpreted, or starved, that tell of an immortal and enduring being, and that forestall an eternal living.

The contrast between things passing and meetable, and things positive and determined ought to be most apparent. Though we are parts of the material world, yet within us is lodged a personality that has nothing in common with duration of time, or decay of material substance. The laws of physical growth which rule material things have no application, and neither build up nor tear down the spiritual force—the ego—that erects through the years our mortal bodies. In, under, and amidst the material atoms that come and go as life expends there is that which is eternal, and which is co-ordinated with and similar to the eternal force that upholds the material world. Whatever befalls the hairs, which grow gray, and the hands that become wrinkled and paled, and the heart that throbs with irregular beating, and the eye that becomes dim, I say, whatever befalls these physical organs, yet as the heathen said "I shall not die."

Deep within the clay, that is destined to mould, there dwells an immortal guest—a very spirit from God, whose duration is as lasting as its Maker. "Commonplace utterances," you say. Yes, commonplace utterances, which says two things, viz: that they are truths common to us all, and also truths which because they are common and so universally believed have lost their power to impress us, believing which we yet go forward upon the basis that they do not exist.

Take a future life. How few there are who disbelieve it, and yet how few there are who live as if they really believed in it. Take it out of the generality and make it personal. Ask yourself, "Is it true of me? Am I to live forever? Is there eternity in my heart?" Shall I that have constructed this piece of fleshy machinery be continued when it gives up its earthly work? If not, nothing should take precedence over the making provision for body. Our motto should be let us eat and drink, make friends, and wife and home, and all the sanctities of life, the side issues.

We are the only beings on this earth that can think the thought or speak the word eternally. All other created things are undisturbed as to their futurity. The God who made us of a higher order than they, planted within us the hope, and gave inspiration as to its realization. Heart answers to heart and sends outward and upward the fervent expectation that He who planted it, planted it not in falsehood.

There may no doubt be honest atheists, and sincere believers in man's spiritual destruction at death. Just as the man swept over Niagara blinded by the spray and deafened by the roar, would see nothing outside the green wall of waters that encompassed him, notwithstanding all the while the clear blue sky, with its peaceful serenity would be bending over him. So it is possible for us to become so absorbed in lands, and goods and little gods that we lose the consciousness of the spiritual and eternal within and around us.

The great planet that moves on the outermost rim of our solar system was discovered, because it was found that its neighbor planet wavered in its course, and this was constructed to mean that some hitherto unknown mass was attracting and drawing it from what otherwise would have been its course.

So too are there forces from outside the flesh that tell of other powers, and other forces—there are longings in the human heart, cravings after spiritual relationships, which are inexplicable except upon the basis of a continuance of life after death. The tendril of the human heart, like those of the climbing plant, are feeling out into the future and grasping after the stay which they need for their full maturity and fruition.

By our very make up, by our spiritual needs, by the possibilities considered within us, and a thousand other signs and facts that go to make up the totality of life, Almighty God has set eternity in our hearts. We crave it, we need it for our completion. By the transiency that is stamped upon earthly material possessions, by the delights that are short lived, we seek food and hunger after permanency and eternal being. The things that stand in this life in the forefront and urge us onward are the food in the wilderness. The first taste, the melibition, but the full cup will come in the hereafter.

The year that has intervened since we last gathered here to call afresh to our memories the brothers who had passed from their earthly relations with us, has taken three of our members. The call came first to Brother Charles A. Madsen on April 29, 1908. It is needless for me to attempt to do more in his case than to give dates, and to bring afresh to your minds his characteristics and his goodness of heart. Born in Norfolk December 8, 1879, he grew to manhood in our midst. Many of you no doubt knew him as a boy and are familiar with his doings. He received the advantages of our city schools, graduated from the high school, and at once began his studies in pharmacy. He is said to have been the youngest pharmacist in the state at the time of his admission. He took duty for some years with Brother Christoph. Later he entered the employment of Park, Davis & Company of Chicago. He was most successful as a traveling salesman and was advanced by his employers to the position of field director for the state of Illinois, and again made good. Having had an attack of pneumonia he was left in a weakened condition especially as to his pulmonary organs. Later on he suffered from tuberculosis. He tried the climate of Texas, Arizona and Colorado without receiving permanent relief, and finally came home to give up his life among his family and friends. My acquaintance with him was intimate and one of the things that stood out for exceptional commendation was his great love and tender care bestowed upon his mother and sister with whom he made his home before leaving Norfolk for Chicago. He made provision by his policies of life insurance for his mother's comfort. He was a loving son, a true brother, and a manly man.

The next brother to answer the roll call beyond the River was Samuel Wilder, who died the sixth day of July, 1908. He was a resident of Hartington where he was engaged in business. His parents were residents of Hiawatha, Kans., where he was born, December 7, 1875. As a merchant he won the esteem of the people of his town, and was active in addition to his interests. Unmarried, he died at Hartington in the thirty-third year of his age.

While somewhat reserved in manner yet he had many friends. As a young man of twenty-one he settled in Hartington and remained there until his death eleven years afterward.

During the latter part of June of this year he suffered from an attack of appendicitis and went to Rochester, Minn., for treatment. The operation resulted in his death. His remains were taken to his old home at Hiawatha, Kans., and there interred. His family connections were of the very best. He was a no-distant relative of Samuel Clements, otherwise known as Mark Twain. His membership in our lodge was not long standing, only extending over about eight months.

He was one of the few of our number who had taken a life membership. He was a man of culture, having received the best opportunity to secure an education. He was wide and open in his sympathies for everything that tended to the betterment of his fellowmen. All who knew him well became his friends.

A third call to go into eternal life came during the week that has just passed. William A. Smith of Chadron died at his home on Friday last and his mortal remains are being taken to their final resting today. Few facts have come before us as to his illness. His ailment was tubercular and extended over many months. He was a conductor on the Chicago and Northwestern railway, having served in that capacity for more than twenty years. He was forty-eight years old. He was a most worthy member of our order.

Sixteen names make the roster of those who in our lodge call on "absent brothers" as the clock strikes the hour of eleven. Year by year it will be lengthened by the addition of other names, and in time the majority will be transferred to the lodge on the other side.

Some of us will go during the coming year no doubt. May the transfer of any called to go be free from fears as to what is in the beyond. May it be a going into eternal life.

The poet's admonition is one that appeals to our hearts when he says: "So live that when thy summons come to join The innumerable caravan that moves To that mysterious realm, when each shall take His chamber in the silent halls of death. Then go not, like the quarry slave at night, Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed. By an unflinching trust approach thy grave Like one who draws the drapery of his couch About him and lies down to pleasant dream."

The sixteen members who are now listed forever among the "absent brothers" are: A. C. Powell, L. Rosenthal, J. W. Parker, G. A. Luikart, D. M. Owen, George Offenbacher, Otto